

NOTICES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES next Sun 11th Nov - please note the change of times for both morning services - **9am** instead of 8am and **10.45am** instead of 10am.

DEC INDONESIA TSUNAMI APPEAL - we are collecting today for DEC. Please give generously.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP THIS AFTERNOON 2-4.30pm - in preparation for this year's special Remembrance Day. Please come with gardening tools and enthusiasm! Refreshments will be provided. Any questions contact Diana Butcher on 01483 568915. Thank you.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Sat 17th Nov, 2-4pm - we need lots of goodies for the stalls - good quality gifts, bottles, chocolate items, jigsaws, board games, children's books, jams, promises of cakes and biscuits on the day. Boxes will be in church **TODAY**. See flyers and posters for more info.

FOR TRANSPORT TO THE BAZAAR - please contact Rosanne by **Wed 14th Nov** on 579462.

RED WEDNESDAY 28th NOV (initiated by the Charity CSW who spoke at St John's on the 14th Oct) - St John's will be lit up in red (colour of martyrdom) to encourage people to pray, support and take action for those who aren't free to believe. Do wear red that day as a sign of solidarity.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - anyone who would like to join the Choir for Christmas, please do come to Choir Practice on Friday evenings, 6.30pm in Church.

DEDICATION OF NEW HYMN BOOKS - we are sourcing bookplates for our new hymn books. If you would like to dedicate a hymn book to a particular person, please let Helen Chambers know. We would suggest a donation of £12.50 or £20 for a large print copy. Thank you.

MERROW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR - meets every Mon, 5-6pm in Merrow Hall, St John's Centre. It is not too late to join. Cost £5/person/session, £7 for two family members, £3 for students.

DIOCESAN TRANSFORMING CHURCH MAGAZINE is now available at the back of church. It includes a wonderful article by one of the teachers at our very own Merrow Infants School!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN SEPTEMBER 2019 - Rev Rona has organised a Pilgrimage to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem in Sep 19. A DVD can be borrowed giving info on the trip.

THE FORGIVENESS PROJECT at Burpham Church, New Inn Lane 1-7th Nov. Meet a Concentration Camp Survivor and hear her journey of forgiveness. See cards at back of church.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 4th November 2018 ALL SAINTS DAY Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion BCP

President & Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

10.00am All Age Communion Service CW

President: Margaret Dean

Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

HYMNS: ANCIENT & MODERN

758 Onward Christian Soldiers

671 I will sing a wondrous story

296 For all the saints

818 To God be the glory

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Helen Chambers

The altar flowers this week have been donated by Brian Taylor in memory of his wife Valerie

Rona is away from Mon 5th to Sat 10th November

Rector: Revd Rona Stuart-Bourne ☎ 572207 revrona@gmail.com

Day off Thursday

Curate: Revd Dermot Verschoyle ☎ 533449

Day off Friday

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Second Reading Revelation 21.1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel John 11.32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the

crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for The Church of Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) Colombo - (Ceylon)The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay

DIocese CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for Youth and Children's volunteers and Workers in our parishes. Pray for David Welch (Diocesan Youth Adviser), Emma Coy (Children and Families Ministry Adviser) Steff Shepherd and all staff and all for the benefit of children and young people in the Diocese

Prayer requests: for the 'Young Preacher of the Year' initiative running between now and March. For new and Volunteer Youth leaders setting in to their roles for Churches planning Christmas events. For the Resources week 5 – 9 November and the impact these resources will have in parishes.

This week we are praying for St Peter's in the Guildford Deanery

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH: Pray for those who live and work in Epsom Road North

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Alan Purser Linda & Paul Ratnieks Penny Evans John Higgins Joan Ashbee Elizabeth Jordon Barbara White Yvonne Tarrant Margaret Heale Winifred Twidell Brenda Mansey Meah Paterson Sarah Donoghue

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN: Daphne Stoddart Bessie Olsson Alfred Jepps Robert Taylor

Daphne Stoddart's Thanksgiving Service will be on Sat 10th Nov, 11am at St John's. Please bring a flower from your garden to put on the altar table.

This week at St John's

NO MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER THIS WEEK

Mon	9-10am	Contemplative Prayer in the Centre
	9.45-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Gp in the Centre
	5-6pm	Gospel Choir in the Centre
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall, The Centre
		Wed Coffee Club in the Centre
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday 11th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
10.45am	SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
6.30pm	Evening Prayer